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SUBJECT: COMINGS AND GOINGS OF WEST BANK MAYORS

1. RETURNING FROM A MONTH-LONG SOJOURN IN THE GULF AREA, HEBRON
MAYOR QAWASMI HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 12 TO ANNOUNCE FOLLING
RESULTS:

1) DONATION OF 5 MILLION JORDANIAN DINARS FROM SAUDI
ARABIS FOR CURRENT YEAR FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES
(HEBRON HAS BEEN TWINNED WITH MEDINA FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.)

2) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HEBRONITES LIVING IN SAUDI ARABIA
(50,000 JD FOR BLOOD BANK AND LABORATORY) AND QATAR (UNSPECI-
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FIED AMOUNT FOR TWO LIBRARIES AND THREE SCHOOLS).

3) COMMITMENT FROM AMMAN FOR 200,000 JD EARMARKED FOR
MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL PROJECT.

QAWASMI DECLARED THAT HE HAD GONE TO GULF TO EXPLAIN HEBRON
REQUIREMENTS AND HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS
WHEREVER HE WENT INCLUDING KING KHALID AND PRINCE FAHD

IN SAUDI ARABIA.

2. DELEGATION FROM DURA ALSO RETURNED AFTER TRIP TO AMMAN AND REPORTED THAT IT HAD LEFT LIST OF PROJECTS WITH JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES. PRESS NOTES THAT DURA STILL LOOKING FOR SISTER CITY AND CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS HAS NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO IRAQ.

3. DELEGATION LED BY BIR ZEIT MAYOR IS REPORTEDLY ON ITS WAY TO SISTER CITY, TUNIS, AND JENIN MAYOR AHMED SHAWKI MAHMOUD LEAVE FOR GULF WITH MUNICIPAL DELEGATION ON MAY 15.

4. ON NEGATIVE NOTE, JERUSALEM ARAB PRESS MAY 13 REPORTS THAT WEST BANK MILGOV POLITICAL ADVISER MILLSSEN INFORMED NABLUS MAYOR SHAKA' AND RAMALLAH DELEGATION THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION AS YET TO GO ON THEIR PLANNED VISITS TO ARAB STATES.

5. COMMENT: QAWASMIS TRIP APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL - RESULTING IN LARGEST SUMS SO FAR OBTAINED OR AT LEAST PROMISED TO ANY WEST BANK MAYOR. MILGOV REFUSAL TO ALLOW SHAKA' TO GO ABROAD MAY BE RELATED TO ELECTRICAL GENERATING PLANT FOR WHICH SHAKA WOULD SEEK ARAB MONEY AND WHICH MILGOVE HAD NOT AS YET APPROVED.
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